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As AI-driven products proliferate and global regulations adapt, regulators are swiftly initiating reforms for AI governance. The regulatory landscape in this field is becoming more dynamic, with diverse enforcement strategies being adopted all around the globe.

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While the US, the EU, the UK, and China often steal the spotlight, other jurisdictions are also making significant steps in AI governance. In fact, more and more jurisdictions are trying to keep pace in the race to achieve the best balance between innovation and regulatory oversight.

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Recognizing the challenge of staying updated with this myriad of policy changes, we at Legal Nodes have compiled this **overview of leading jurisdictions in AI governance**. While it

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may not encompass every AI governance update – given the vast number of jurisdictions and swift policy shifts – we believe our summary provides valuable insights into the broader AI regulatory framework.

This guide aims to assist AI startups, investors, and those interested in AI regulations in navigating and grasping the evolving regulatory environment. It represents regions accounting for 70% of the global GDP in 2023 and half the world's population. We've organized these jurisdictions into three main regions: **Europe**, the **Americas**, and **Asia-Pacific**.

Global AI Regulations Landscape



Europe

European Union AI policy details

In the EU, the comprehensive [AI Act](#) received a favorable vote from the European Parliament on March 13, 2024. The Act is expected to come into force in the coming months, and following a 2-year grace period, will be fully applicable around June 2026.

For a deeper dive into this regulation, refer to our [overview of the EU AI Act](#), which we initially published after the Act was endorsed by the EU Parliament, and have subsequently updated as the regulations have progressed.

Alongside the AI Act, other important legislations in the realm of AI are in the pipeline. Notably, the proposed [AI Liability Directive](#) aims to clarify civil liability concerning damages induced by AI systems.

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WHICH EUROPEAN AUTHORITIES ARE OVERSEEING AI COMPLIANCE?

- [European Data Protection Board](#) as well as the [European Data Protection Supervisor](#)
- The EU AI Board as outlined by the proposed AI Act
- AI regulatory bodies of member states, such as the newly created [Spanish AI Supervision Agency](#)
- Data Protection Authorities of Member States

💡 Worth checking: [a free EU AI Act self-assessment tool](#)

United Kingdom AI policy details

The UK hasn't rolled out a comprehensive AI regulation, and does not plan to do so. Instead, it advocates a context-sensitive, balanced approach, using existing sector-specific laws for AI guidance.

Learn more about the UK's approach in this in-depth [review of the UK's AI Regulatory Regime](#).

WHICH UK AUTHORITIES ARE MANAGING AI-RELATED REGULATION?

In the UK, national AI strategy is overseen by a specialized AI authority - [Office for AI](#). Other authorities relevant for AI compliance include:

- [Information Commissioner's Office](#)
- [Digital Regulation Cooperation Forum](#)

Switzerland AI policy details

Switzerland has also opted against introducing a standalone AI regulation, taking a path similar to the UK. It focuses on selectively amending existing laws to accommodate AI. This approach includes:

- integrating AI transparency rules into existing data protection laws; and

- modifying the local competition laws, product liability laws, and general civil laws to address AI system needs.

A more substantial vision of the Swiss envisioned framework to AI regulation was clarified by the [Position Paper](#) from 2021 by the Swiss [Digital Society Initiative](#) in collaboration with the University of Zurich.

WHICH SWISS AUTHORITIES MANAGE AI-RELATED REGULATION?

- [Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner](#)
- [Competition Commission](#)



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Americas

The United States AI policy details

While the U.S. lacks a unified AI regulation, it has established numerous guidelines and frameworks to govern the AI sector on a federal level. The existing legal landscape encompasses:

Executive Orders, such as:

- [Maintaining American Leadership in AI](#)
- [Promoting the Use of Trustworthy AI in the Federal Government Act](#)

Legislations and Proposed Bills:

- [AI Training Act](#)
- [National AI Initiative Act](#)
- [Algorithmic Accountability Act](#) (proposed)
- [Transparent Automated Governance Act](#) (proposed)
- [Global Technology Leadership Act](#) (proposed)

To sum up, the US is adopting a case-by-case strategy to AI governance enforcement, avoiding an overly precautionary approach.

WHICH US AUTHORITIES MANAGE AI-RELATED POLICIES?

In the US, the absence of a dedicated AI law means that the oversight and regulation of AI deployment fall to existing agencies. These agencies responsible for ensuring AI guidelines include:

- [Federal Trade Commission](#)
- [Department of Justice](#)
- [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#)
- [Equal Employment Opportunity Commission](#)



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Canada AI policy details

Canada is advancing the [AI and Data Act](#) (AIDA) to safeguard Canadians from high-risk AI and promote responsible AI

practices in line with global norms. AIDA emphasizes safety, human rights, and curbs reckless AI applications.

In addition to AIDA, Canada has rolled out a [Directive on Automated Decision-Making](#) which lays down specific standards that the federal government must adhere to when utilizing automated decision-making systems.

WHICH CANADIAN AUTHORITIES MANAGE AI-RELATED REGULATION?

When it comes to oversight and guidance on these matters, two significant entities stand out:

- [Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development](#)
- [Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada](#)

Brazil AI policy details

Brazil is actively developing a comprehensive [AI Bill](#), which seeks to prohibit specific high-risk AI systems, sets up a dedicated regulatory body, and imposes civil liability on AI developers and deployers.

Additionally, it would require prompt reporting of significant security breaches and guarantee individuals the right to understand AI-driven decisions and correct biases.

WHICH BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES MANAGE AI-RELATED REGULATION?

The following authorities oversee the compliance of AI regulation:

- [Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation](#)
- [National Data Protection Authority](#)

Asia-Pacific

China AI policy details

China stands at the forefront of jurisdictions who are actively introducing AI regulations. As they work on drafting a holistic AI framework, several specific AI applications are already governed by existing rules. These encompass:

- [Algorithmic Recommendations Management Provisions](#)
- [Ethical Norms for New Generation AI](#)
- [Opinions on Strengthening the Ethical Governance of Science and Technology](#)

AI governance initiatives in progress include:

- [Draft Provisions on Deep Synthesis Management](#)
- [Measures for the Management of Generative AI Services](#)

WHICH CHINESE AUTHORITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR AI REGULATION?

Chinese AI governance laws foresee targeted enforcement approaches, with regulatory entities whose roles frequently intersect and overlap. Prominent regulatory entities include:

- [Cyberspace Administration of China](#)
- [Ministry of Industry and Information Technology](#)
- [State Administration for Market Regulation](#)

Japan AI policy details

Japan doesn't have strict AI regulations. Instead, the government relies on guidelines and lets the private sector manage their AI use. Key guidelines include:

- [Guidelines for Implementing AI Principles](#)
- [AI Governance in Japan Ver. 1.1](#)

Japanese sector-specific laws, including data protection, antimonopoly, and copyright, while not explicitly designed for AI, remain relevant in its context.

WHICH JAPANESE AUTHORITIES ARE INVOLVED IN AI POLICIES?

- [Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry](#)
- [Council for Science, Technology and Innovation](#)
- [Personal Information Protection Commission](#)

India AI policy details

India currently lacks specific legislation for AI governance. However, the upcoming [Digital India Act](#) is set to focus on the regulation of high-risk AI applications.

Also, in response to the challenges posed by AI, a specialized [task force](#) has been established. The task force is charged

with delving into AI's ethical, legal, and societal facets, paving the way for a prospective AI regulatory body and enhancing the nation's AI legislative landscape.

WHICH INDIAN AUTHORITIES ARE INVOLVED IN AI-RELATED POLICIES?

- [NITI Aayog: The National Institution for Transforming India](#)
- [Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology](#)
- [Ministry of Commerce and Industry](#).

Australia AI policy details

Australia hasn't introduced specific AI governance laws or policies. Instead, the government emphasizes leveraging current regulatory structures for AI oversight.

To get a better outlook on the structure and status of AI governance in Australia, we recommend checking out the recent report “[The State of AI Governance in Australia](#)” issued by the University of Technology Sydney in May 2023.

WHICH AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES ARE INVOLVED IN AI-RELATED POLICIES?

- [Department of Industry, Science and Resources](#)
- [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#)
- [Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner](#)
- [Competition and Consumer Commission](#)

The future of global AI regulations

The recent years have seen a growing focus on the regulation of AI technology. This trend shows no signs of slowing down, and it raises the following question: **what will the future global regulatory landscape look like?**

We can already start to build a picture using hints from various different jurisdictional and international approaches. For instance, the fairly recent [pledge](#) from G7 leaders highlights their dedication to setting AI standards. They emphasized the need for inclusive AI governance and interoperability, aiming to foster trustworthy AI that aligns with their shared democratic values.

It seems likely that closely connected regions, like the EU and the US, will work towards harmonizing their legislation. This will be important to help prevent potential regulatory gaps and facilitate easier collaboration and trade for the innovators.

On the other hand, it's likely that several regions might choose to differentiate themselves by adopting a more business-friendly approach to AI regulation, avoiding excessive restrictions. This approach might be particularly evident in countries like Switzerland and the UK.

Unfortunately, a unified global approach to AI regulation seems elusive in the near future. Considering this, a more practical solution might be to focus on the fundamental ethical aspects of AI, which are more universally agreed upon compared to specific AI regulations.

💡 Worth checking: [DPO vs. AI Ethics Officer: Who Do You Need to Stay AI-Compliant?](#)

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